

REPORT ON VIDEO CONFERENCE SESSION OVER NATIONAL KNOWLEDGE NETWORK by IIT KHARAGPUR ON “NATIONAL DIGITAL LIBRARY” ON 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb, 2016

The Dean In-charge, Departmental heads, Asstt. Register (Academic), Library officials, faculties and students of College of Fisheries, Lembucherra, Tripura attended the Video Conferencing session over NKN by IIT, Kharakpur on “National Digital Library (NDL)” on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2016 from 12 noon to 1pm.

Shri R.Subrahmanyam, Addl. Secretary (TE), MHRD addressed all the institutions and universities connected on NKN through Video Conferencing to make them aware about the launch of National Digital Library (NDL). Prof. Partha Pratim Chakrabarti, Director, IIT Kharagpur and Prof. Partha Pratim Das welcomed all the officials of participating institutions and explained the general structure of NDL as it would function as an umbrella e-resource for all academicians, researchers and students from the whole country. He further explained need and benefits of NDL in the modern era of information revolution.

National Knowledge Network (NKN) project is aimed at establishing a strong and robust Indian network which will be capable of providing secure and reliable connectivity. NKN with its multi-gigabit capability aims to connect all universities, research institutions, libraries, laboratories, healthcare and agricultural institutions across the country.

National Digital Library (NDL) can help the institution by benefitting the students and faculties in accessing wide range and forms of contents in diversified fields of science and technology including agriculture. Further, combination NDL and NKN would also make contents created in the institute available to learners' community at large. In this initiative, being an early starter in evolution of next generation library system would ultimately help improving the capability of the proposed information system. The Mission of NDL is to create a 24 x7 enabled integrated NDL as a ubiquitous digital knowledge source of the nation- catering to emerge e-learning for all learners at all level in all areas; to initiate a movement for integrated digital learning across country. Dr. Chakarabarti also shared that many Institutions are participating to NDL with pre registration to IIT Kharagpur for being able to access huge numbers of information and resource from digitalization format. The College of Fisheries, CAU, Lembucherra also look forward to joining the endeavor and contribute in information sharing at national level for mutual as well as national benefits. The College is well positioned to contribute to information generation through active research programmes through externally funded, university funded research projects above the graduate research programmes in Six (6) disciplines.

The gathering ended with thanks to the chair and every participant.

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